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HEALTH



Prostate Screening at the Pirelli Stadium, with, from left, Jon Widdowson of Burton Albion Community Trust, Deb Price, Sarah Minns – urology advanced nurse specialist, Michael Hitchcock who is Charity Steward at Derby Freemason's, Jyoti Shah who is Macmillan consultant urology surgeon, and Rob Slater of Burton Albion Community Trust.

Freemasons square up for checks

Freemasons from across Derbyshire were at the Pirelli Stadium yesterday to receive free checks for prostate cancer.

The event was organised by Inspire Health – Fighting Prostate Cancer. The group is led by Jyoti Shah, a consultant

urological surgeon at Queen's Hospital, in Burton. The campaign aims to get more men checked for signs of the cancer now rated as the most common among men. More sessions will be held today.

The Freemasons, who have nearly 2,850 members across

Derbyshire, have signed up to be part of the scheme.

Michael Hitchcock is the grand charity steward at Derbyshire Freemasons and was overseeing events at the Pirelli Stadium.

He said that despite Inspire Health not asking for pay-

ment, the group will be donating £4,000 to the cause.

He said: "Burton hospital said they were looking for donations for screenings, not a charge, so we decided to donate £4,000."

More information from fightingprostatecancer.co.uk

COURT

'Curiosity' made man look at bomb plans

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A Burton factory worker who was allegedly planning a terrorist attack with his girlfriend thought he was allowed to download bomb-making instructions because he found them on Facebook and Youtube, he told police.

Munir Mohammed, who packed ready meals at Burton's Kerry Foods factory, told officers that he viewed the instructions, which showed how to make a detonator circuit, out of "curiosity" and was not planning an attack.

He admitted that he was working illegally in Britain but said he was looking for "money, work and a nice life" as a Sudanese refugee in Derby.

Mohammed, 37, was allegedly planning an attack with Rowaida el-Hassan, 33, a pharmacy graduate from Willesden, North London,

after the pair met on the SingleMuslim.com dating website. They are on trial at the old Bailey in London.

He had two of the three components required to create a high explosive called triacetone triperoxide (TATP) – known as "Mother of Satan" – and believed he had the third, prosecutors say.

In extracts from his police interviews, read to the jury, Mohammed said: "People in Facebook they send things like this and stuff, OK. I'm reading, kind of right, curiosity. I think that...if it is not allowed for people to read it, Facebook have to delete it or stop it?"

Mohammed said he had found a link to a video version of the instructions on Youtube, adding: "The second, this is in Youtube, everybody can see these things, it's not banned."

He said told the officers: "I know I'm not planning for nothing... I know myself I did nothing and if you need to blame me, why I see this or

why I saw that, blame the people who share it; I'm not the one that you have to blame."

Another document, which promised to increase the destructive power of a bomb threefold, was also on Facebook, he said.

"Facebook, Facebook, I know, go there, you find everything there," he said, along with ISIS videos.

"I told you I see many of them, some people, they sending these and some people sending slicing people and some of them sending, how they shooting, how they fighting, they shoot, they send man and many videos."

He explained how he had met Hassan on a Muslim dating site, even though he had two other wives.

One was in Sudan and he had abandoned the other in Greece on the way from Sudan to Britain, he said.

He said he planned to contact the wife in Greece once he had found a "good place," but he had been living in Bri-

tain for three years in accommodation provided by the Home Office.

Mohammed said he had met Hassan once or twice in a park but he had tried not to look at her for religious reasons.

Mohammed admitted working illegally, using the Dutch identity card of a friend who had returned to the Netherlands.

"I can't work by normal means because it's written it's forbidden for you to work," he admitted.

He was looking for "money, work and a nice life" and had started to work in the car business he said.

He had bought an Audi A3 and a BMW and was cleaning them up in order to sell them and make money.

It was hard to live for three years on the money he was given and he didn't wish to go stealing or robbing people.

Mohammed and Hassan both deny preparing acts of terrorism and the case continues.